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BEFORE THE
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1989 SATELLITE CARRIER) CRT Docket
ROYALTY FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCEEDING) No. 91-1-89 SCD

JOINT NETWORK COMMENTS
ON EXISTENCE OF CONTROVERSY
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. ("ABC") ^{1/}, CBS Inc. ("CBS") and National Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("NBC") hereby submit their joint comments on the existence of a controversy and their notice of intent to participate in the above captioned matter. ABC, CBS and NBC are herein collectively called the "Networks" and individually called a "Network."

The Networks believe that a controversy may exist with respect to the distribution of the 1989 Satellite Carrier Royalty Fund. Each Network holds copyright ownership and/or other copyright interests in and to various television programs that were broadcast on a local, network and/or syndicated basis over television stations whose signals were secondarily transmitted in 1989 by satellite carriers to the public for private home viewing. These television programs

^{1/} For the purpose of these Comments, ABC shall be deemed to include ABC Sports, Inc. as appropriate.

included but were not limited to news and public affairs, series, specials, feature films, made-for-television motion pictures and sports.

The Networks intend to claim Satellite Home Viewer Act royalties with respect to some or all of these television programs and believe other claimants, including the Program Suppliers, the Broadcaster Claimants and Joint Sports Claimants, may assert conflicting claims. The Networks are hopeful that any controversy can be settled without the necessity for hearings, but as of the date hereof, no discussions have been held among the Networks and the other claimants to identify or resolve disputes.

The Networks hereby notify the Copyright Royalty Tribunal that they intend to participate in the 1989 Satellite Carrier Royalty Fund Distribution Proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shirley Stratton, certify that I have, this 24th day of June, 1991, served a copy of the foregoing JOINT NETWORK COMMENTS ON EXISTENCE OF CONTROVERSY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the parties on the attached list.

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